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CARTER --AN EMERGING FOREIGN POLICY

AP/NCR: NEWS ANALYST FRED GALVAN SEES SOME INDICATIONS OF THE COURSE THE INCOMING CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S FOREIGN POLICY WILL TAKE AFTER INAUGURATION DAY--JANUARY TWENTIETH.

VOICE: THOSE INDICATIONS OF THE INCOMING CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S APPROACH TO FOREIGN POLICY CAME ON THREE OCCASIONS THIS WEEK. ONE WAS THE REPORT ISSUED BY THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF A MEETING LAST MONTH BETWEEN ITS MEMBERS AND PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER. THE OTHER TWO WERE A NATIONALLY-TELEVISED INTERVIEW AND A NEWS CONFERENCE THE PRESIDENT-ELECT HELD YESTERDAY (FRIDAY.) IN HIS MEETING WITH THE SENATORS, MISTER CARTER PLEDGED TO WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH CONGRESS ON FOREIGN POLICY PROBLEMS THAN ANY OF HIS PREDECESSORS HAVE DONE SINCE PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S DAY. (OPT) AS MISTER CARTER SUGGESTED HE WOULD LIKE CONGRESS TO BE IN ON THE TAKE-OFFS (BEGINNING) AS WELL AS THE CRASH-LANDINGS (ENDING) OF DELIBERATIONS ON THOSE PROBLEMS. (END OPT) AND HE OUTLINED FOR THE SENATORS HIS VIEWS ON THE PRIORITIES HE WILL ASSIGN TO SUCH PROBLEMS. HE SAID HE HOPES TO MOVE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER TAKING OFFICE ON SUCH ISSUES AS THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, THE PROBLEM OF WORLD OIL PRICES, THE CYPRUS ISSUE AND GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS, AND THE PANAMA CANAL. (OPT) IN ALL THESE HE FREELY ACKNOWLEDGED THE NEED FOR THE COOPERATION OF CONGRESS IN THE SOLUTION OF THOSE PROBLEMS ON A BIPARTISAN BASIS. (END OPT) MISTER CARTER ALSO INDICATED THAT IN HIS APPROACH TO ALL THESE PROBLEMS HE WILL MAINTAIN AN ATTITUDE OF COMPLETE OBJECTIVITY. (OPT) A CASE IN POINT WAS THE CYPRUS QUESTION ON WHICH HE SAID PAST AMERICAN POSITIONS HAD, AS HE SAW

IT, ALIENATED SOMEWHAT THE GREEK AND TURKISH GOVERNMENTS. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE NOTED THAT--IN HIS WORDS---"THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF CELEBRATION IN GREECE WHEN I WAS ELECTED, AND I THINK THAT CELEBRATION WAS PERHAPS UNWARRANTED IF IT WAS AN ASSUMPTION THAT I WOULD LACK OBJECTIVITY."(END OPT)

IN HIS FRIDAY MORNING TELEVISION INTERVIEW, MISTER CARTER ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO ANOTHER MAJOR ISSUE--SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS. HE COMMENTED ON A MESSAGE TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON HAD BROUGHT BACK WITH HIM FROM MOSCOW, SENT BY GENERAL-SECRETARY BREZHNEV. IN THAT MESSAGE THE SOVIET LEADER ASSURED THE PRESIDENT-ELECT THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT--AS MISTER CARTER PUT IT--WOULD BEND OVER BACKWARDS NOT TO CREATE ANY SORT OF TEST "DURING THE EARLY STAGES OF MY ADMINISTRATION," AND THAT "THEY WANTED PERMANENT PEACE WITH US." THE PRESIDENT-ELECT INDICATED THAT HE WELCOMED THAT ASSURANCE AND WOULD REPLY IN KIND --- UNOFFICIALLY BUT POSITIVELY-- WHEN, AS HE PUT IT, "THE NEXT OCCASION ARISES."

AS TO THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS, MISTER CARTER SAID HE HOPES TO CARRY THOSE FORWARD TO AN INTERIM AGREEMENT LIMITING STRATEGIC ARMS ENVISIONED IN THE FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING SOME TWO YEARS AGO. AND HE SAID HE HOPES THIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY NEGOTIATIONS DESIGNED TO REDUCE SUCH ARMAMENTS.

AT HIS FRIDAY NEWS CONFERENCE, THE PRESIDENT-ELECT ANNOUNCED HIS SELECTION OF VETERAN DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATOR CYRUS VANCE AS HIS SECRETARY OF STATE. AND MISTER VANCE IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS SAID SALT AND THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATIONS RECEIVING TOP PRIORITY. LIKE MISTER CARTER, HE SEES FURTHER PROGRESS POSSIBLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST TOWARD A PERMANENT SOLUTION.

IN ALL THESE STATEMENTS THERE IS A COMMON NOTE SOUNDED BY BOTH MEN. MISTER CARTER EMPHASIZED THIS IN HIS TALK WITH THE

SENATORS AND IN HIS TELEVISION INTERVIEW AND PRESS CONFERENCE.
IT IS THAT, IN THIS PERIOD OF TRANSITION, THEY IN NO WAY SPEAK
FOR THE INCUMBENT ADMINISTRATION--WHICH MISTER CARTER
CALLED A GOOD ONE, WITH A GOOD SECRETARY OF STATE.